

**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May, 29, 2000, provides for the continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

Application Number	09/773,598
Filing Date	February 2, 2001
First Named Inventor	Fumiyasu HIRAI
Group Art Unit	1646
Name of Examiner	ANDRES, JANET L.
Attorney Docket No.	010105

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53 (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar 20, 2000) 1233 Off. Gazette Pat Office (April 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

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1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

- i. Consider the Request for Reconsideration under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on February 20, 2003.

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)

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- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

- iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

- i. Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.114
 ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 iv. Other:

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of Action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (period shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)

- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. A check in the amount of \$1,050.00 is enclosed to cover the basic filing fee of \$750.00 and the extension of time fee of \$300.00.

- b. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

- i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e)
 ii. Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 iii. Other additional extension of time fee or any other additional fee.

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Serial Number: 09/773,598

Group Art Unit: 1646

Filed: February 2, 2001

Examiner: ANDRES, JANET L.

For: **METHOD FOR REMOVING THE TRANSFORMING GROWTH FACTOR- β BY
ADSORPTION (As Amended)****SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR §1.114****COPY**Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 31, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2002, and further to the amendment filed on February 20, 2003, the Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of record be reconsidered in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

A request for continued examination (RCE) and a petition for a second month extension of the response period and the requisite fee therefor are submitted concurrently herewith.